CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1500815.000

Medium: Film (on DCP)

Distributor: Roadshow Film Distributors

Director: Francis Lawrence

Producer: Nina Jacobson
Jon Kilik

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Chief Censor

Classification:	Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Violence and horror scenes. Content may disturb.

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 13 November 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: 12 November 2015

Date of notice of decision: 12 November 2015

	Components	**Running time**
Feature(s):	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2	137:23
Total running time:		137:23

Summary of reasons for decision:

The film is the fourth in the 'Hunger Games' series. It was cross-rated M from Australia with a note for 'Mature themes, violence and horror sequence'. The Chief Censor called the film in for classification due to concerns that the content of this film may be stronger than that of the others in the series and unsuitable for unrestricted release in New Zealand.

The Classification Office has determined that the film's unrestricted availability is unlikely to be injurious to the public good. The publication contains some horror, violence, cruelty and scenes of war. In particular, scenes that depict a horde of frightening monsters and a bombing involving civilians with children may be briefly frightening to younger viewers but are not likely to cause long-term harm. While these elements are likely to have a considerable impact on the viewer they are limited in extent and degree and do not dominate or overwhelm the story. The happy ending and the use of positive moral themes mitigate the impact of the darker content. The majority of viewers will come with expectations formed from seeing the previous films or reading the books and are therefore less likely to be taken unawares by the relatively limited number of scenes of frightening violence. The degree of violence depicted is generally consistent with that of previous films, which have also been available at M. The emotionally charged and at times very intense scenes are more suitable, and are likely intended for adolescents and older audiences who are able to put the complex political themes and messages of the film into context. The publication is classified as unrestricted, but more suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over. This classification does not limit the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.